

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 37 are currently pending. Claims 10-14, 19-25, and 28-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 8, 9, 15-18, 26, 27 and 33-36 have been withdrawn without prejudice. New claim 37 has been added. Support for the newly added claim may be found in the originally filed claims and in the specification, see for example, paragraphs 21-32. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement in the Office Action mailed May 7, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-7 and 37 drawn to a method of producing blood products. Applicants further elect the blood product species of myeloid stem cells, with traverse. Where the claims can be examined together without undue burden, the Examiner must examine the claims on the merits even though they are directed to independent and distinct inventions (MPEP § 803.01). Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has not shown that there is a serious burden on the Examiner (MPEP §803(B)). No evidence of separate recognition in the art has been provided.

Further, the combination of growth factors required to generate the elected blood product of myeloid stem cells is elected with traverse. Applicants elect the combination of growth factors including stem cell factor (SCF), fit-3 ligand (FL), interleukin-3 (IL-3) and interleukin-6 (IL-6). Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner has not shown that there is a serious burden on the Examiner to search within the species of myeloid stem cells for growth factor combinations (MPEP §803(B)). No evidence of separate recognition in the art has been provided.

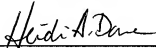
Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Applicants reserve the right to file additional applications to pursue non-elected inventions, and to add dependent claims after the allowance of the

elected claims. Applicants also reserve the right to rejoin process claims in accordance with MPEP §821.04(b).

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for early allowance. Allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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